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FOR PHELAN

FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED STATEMENT SUPPORTING ONE PERCENT
WOOL LIMITATION YOU MAY WISH TO USE BEFORE TSB DECEMBER 6:

THE U.S. WOOL TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DECLINING FOR A
NUMBER OF YEARS. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, MEASURED IN TERMS
OF MILL CONSUMPTION OF FIBERS, HAS DECLINED TO 118 MILLION
POUNDS IN THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1974 FROM 330 MILLION
POUNDS IN 1968, OR BY MORE THAN 64 PERCENT. PRODUCTION
OF WOOL BROADWOVEN FABRICS DURING THIS SAME PERIOD HAS
DROPPED FROM 243 MILLION LINEAR YARDS TO 96 MILLION
LINEAR YARDS. THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD PRODUCTION INDEX
FOR WOOL FABRICS HAS DECLINED FROM 107.2 (1967 EQUALS 100)

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IN 1968 TO 52.2 IN JUNE 1974.

THE TOTAL DOMESTIC MARKET FOR WOOL PRODUCTS, MEASURED IN
TERMS OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION PLUS IMPORTS MINUS EXPORTS
OF WOOL PRODUCTS, HAS DECLINED FROM 430 MILLION POUNDS IN
1968 TO 150 MILLION POUNDS IN YEAR ENDING JUNE 1974.
DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, THE RATIO OF IMPORTS TO THE

DOMESTIC MARKET HAS INCREASED FROM 25 PERCENT TO NEARLY
40 PERCENT. KISSINGER

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